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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A foot water-spouting jetting device comprising:
 - a foot-front water spouting jetting section configured to [[jet]] spout water toward a front side of a user's foot;
 - a water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism configured to move the direction of water spouting jetting of the foot-front water spouting jetting section along a longitudinal direction of the user's foot; and
 - a control section for controlling the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism;
- wherein said foot-front water spouting jetting section has a plurality of water-spouting nozzles arranged side-by-side in the foot width direction for each of the right and left foot and said foot-front water-spouting section is configured to continuously [[jet]] spout water with a spouting jetting width causing a part of the foot in a longitudinal direction to receive jetted spouted water and the spouting width traverses the width of the foot; [[and]]

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said control section sets the spouting width to be shorter than an entire length of the foot in the longitudinal direction so as to cause portions receiving the spouted water and portions receiving no spouted water from said foot-front water-spouting section; and

said control section is configured to control the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism so as to move the portions receiving the spouted water causing the foot-front water jetting section while jetting water to be moved, in turn, along the longitudinal direction of the foot from a toe side to an ankle side by moving said spouted water spouted with the spouting width toward said portions having received no spouted water at the foot front, and the jetted water passes, in turn, through portions where skin receptors exist and portions where no skin receptor exists at the foot front whereby the skin receptors are intermittently stimulated.

2. (Currently Amended) A foot water-spouting jetting device comprising:

a container body for accommodating the foot of a user;
a foot-front water spouting jetting section configured to [[jet]] spout water toward a foot-front side of a user's foot and
a water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism configured to move the direction of water spouting jetting of the foot-front water-spouting jetting section along a longitudinal direction of the foot.

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3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 1,
wherein a path of movement of a water arrival point receiving the spouting jetting water
by the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism includes a toe.

5. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 1,
wherein the control section controls changes in pressure of spouting jetting water
received by the water arrival point according to position of the water arrival point.

6. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 4,
wherein the control section controls pressure of spouting jetting water received by the
water arrival point to be highest when the water arrival point is at the toe.

7. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 1,
wherein the control section comprises a flow rate control section which is configured to
change a water spouting jetting flow amount according to a position of the moving water
arrival point.

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8. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 7, wherein the control section controls the flow rate control section to cause the largest flow rate of jetted spouted water when the water arrival point is located at the toe.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 1, wherein the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism comprises a rotary shaft that pivotally supports either rotation or rotational movement of the foot-front water spouting jetting section as the water arrival point is moved along a longitudinal direction of the foot.

11. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 10, wherein the rotary shaft is pivotally supported immediately above a position of root of the fifth toe or closer to the toe tip side from that in the container body in use.

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 1, wherein the control section controls the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism to reciprocate a water arrival point along a longitudinal direction of the foot.

14. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting device as in claim 1, wherein the foot water-spouting jetting device further comprises a sole water spouting jetting section configured to [[jet]] spout water toward a sole of a user's foot.

15. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 14, wherein the control section controls at least one of a water spouting jetting amount and a water spouting jetting pressure of the sole water spouting jetting section by effecting cyclical changes.

16. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 15, wherein the control section controls the water-spouting jetting section direction moving mechanism to cause a direction of water jetted spouted from the foot-front water spouting jetting section to be cyclically oscillated.

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17. (Currently Amended) The foot water-spouting jetting device as in claim 14, wherein the control section controls the sole water spouting jetting section to cause the direction of water jetted spouted from the sole water spouting jetting direction to be cyclically oscillated.